

John McCoy collection

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Summary Information

Repository	Rare Books and Manuscripts
Creator	Hayward, Elizabeth
Title	John McCoy collection
Date	1842-1943
Extent	0.01 Cubic feet 1 folder
Language	English
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Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

John McCoy of Clark County, Indiana, was born on February 11, 1782 in a fort constructed by his grandfather, James McCoy, where Uniontown, Pennsylvania, is now located. His father was William McCoy, one of the first preachers of the Silver Creek Baptist Church, and his mother was Elizabeth McCoy. Three of his brothers, Isaac, Royce, and James, were also Baptist ministers. In 1803, John married Jane "Jinsy" Collins of Bullitt County, Kentucky. They had ten children, two of whom were Reverend William McCoy and Spencer Collins McCoy. In 1806, John was made a lieutenant in the Clark County Militia, and by 1812 was a major. He served as a councilman at Jeffersonville from 1841 to 1843, and was city recorder from 1844 to 1848. He helped establish Franklin College. He was a deacon in the Salem Baptist Church in Washington County, and believed in missions, temperance, and Sunday schools. John kept three diaries from 1842 to 1859. In 1943, these diaries were in the possession of descendants: great-grandson William O. McCoy of Salem, Indiana; and two great-granddaughters, Mrs. Lafayette (Emma) Hillis of Wichita, Kansas, and Mrs. F. C. Hills of Mattoon, Illinois. Deacon John McCoy died on September 3, 1859, and is buried in the Silver Creek Cemetery.

Scope and Contents

This collection includes "The Index to the Diary of John M'Coy of Clark County, Indiana, July 17, 1847 - April 30, 1852, compiled by Elizabeth Hayward, 1939" and "Extracts from the Diaries of John M'Coy of Clark County, Indiana, edited with an Introduction and Explanatory Notes by Elizabeth Hayward, Ridgewood, New Jersey, 1943."

The manuscript which Ms. Hayward prepared in 1943 gives a history of the family on pages 1-5. From pages 6 to 16, she records items from John's diaries under the following headings: Births, Marriages, and Deaths. Family members mentioned are: son Spencer Collins McCoy; son John C. McCoy; grandson George K.; sisters Lydia Littell and Sarah Payne; son Isaac at Brooklyn, Connecticut in 1844; son Dr. George Rice McCoy; nephew Isaac McCoy; son Reverend William McCoy; and eldest son Lewis McCoy. Throughout the manuscript, Ms. Hayward includes editor's notes, which are helpful in understanding family relationships. Pages 17-19 are an index to the paper.

Ms. Hayward mentions "Memoir of Miss Eliza McCoy" by Calvin McCormick, published in 1892 (call number ISLI 922 M129M), and also the *Indiana Magazine of History*, September 1942 issue.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged chronologically.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Custodial History

This collection was received by Rare Books and Manuscripts as a donation.

Accruals

No further additions are expected.

Processing Information

Collection processing and finding aid completed 2015/05/28 by Nikki Stoddard Schofield.

Related Materials

Related Archival Material

Materials relating to this collection may be found in the following collections in Rare Books and Manuscripts, Indiana State Library, Indianapolis, IN:

S2186: Emma Hillis collection

ISLI 922 M129M: Memoir of Miss Eliza McCoy

ISLG 929.2 M1312M: Diary of John M'Coy

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Franklin College (Franklin, Ind.).
- Salem Baptist Church (Washington County, Ind.).

Genre(s)

- Diaries
- Manuscript

Personal Name(s)

- M'Coy, John, 1782-1859
- McCoy, John, 1782-1859

Subject(s)

- Biography
- Clark County (Ind.)